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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
DAVID E. SILVERMAN *et al.*

Application No. Not yet assigned  
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Incontinence

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment should be considered before examination of the referenced application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first paragraph on Page 1, line 1, with the following paragraph:

—This application is a continuation application of U.S. utility patent application Serial No. 09/882,522 filed June 15, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,595,910, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/286,245 filed April 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,251,063, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/232,056 filed January 15, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,238,335, and claims ~~priority to the benefit of~~ U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/111,884 filed December 11, 1998, the entire contents of each of which are incorporated herein by this reference.